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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Information Science Training for Intelligence Personnel

REFERENCES : a. PFIAB memorandum to the President,  
Subject: U. S. Intelligence Community  
Capabilities for Handling of Intelligence  
Information, dated 15 June 1965 (approved  
by the President and forwarded by Mr.  
McGeorge Bundy to the Director for  
action on 15 July 1965)  
b. USIB-D-39.7/20, 16 February 1967

1. The enclosed report on this subject from the Chairman, Committee on Documentation (CODIB) and its annexes are circulated herewith for information and noting by the Board. This report summarizes the information science training which has been provided to personnel in the intelligence community since March 1967 as recommended in reference b. as well as the projected training plans for the various intelligence agencies through FY 69.

2. It is not planned to schedule the attached memorandum on the agenda of a USIB meeting unless so requested by a Board member prior to close of business 15 April. In the absence of such a request it will be considered for record purposes that the USIB "noted" the subject report on that date.

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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD  
COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTATION

MEMORANDUM FOR: United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: Information Science Training for Intelligence Personnel

REFERENCES: (a) PFIAB Memorandum to the President, Subject: U.S. Intelligence Community Capabilities for Handling of Intelligence Information, dated 15 June 1965

(b) USIB-D-39.7/20, 16 February 1967

I. Background. The CODIB report attached to reference (b) recommended certain actions designed to train more intelligence personnel in information science in response to PFIAB Recommendation No. 1 in reference (a). This is a brief report on such training that has been received by personnel in the intelligence agencies<sup>1/</sup> during the past year.<sup>2/</sup>

25X1 II. Overall Summary. Some [ ] persons<sup>3/</sup> in the intelligence community, primarily at the headquarters or departmental level, took training courses in some aspect of information science during the past year. The courses varied in length from about three days to more than a full academic year, and the total training amounted to approximately [ ]<sup>4/</sup>

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1/ FBI and AEC are not included.

2/ March 1967 to March 1968 except for CIA which reported courses completed during CY67.

3/ Extrapolation from a sampling of the trainees at one agency indicates that there were about [ ] different individuals.

25X1 4/ Does not include some courses still underway at end of the reporting period nor courses taken at the trainees' own expense. It does include courses taken on trainees' own time if tuition was paid by the government.

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The average course length was 43 hours which is approximately equivalent to a three-semester-hour college course. [ ] took courses at universities or technical schools, [ ] were trained in courses provided within the agencies in which they were employed, [ ] in courses provided by manufacturers, contractors, or professional societies, and [ ] in courses provided by other government agencies such as the Civil Service Commission.

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During the past year, [ ] persons from the intelligence community completed a full academic year of information science training at universities or equivalent institutions, and [ ] are now enrolled full-time in university information science training programs.

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The following table summarizes the information science training under four rather broad training categories. Further details are provided in Annex 1.

Type of Training	Number of Persons	%
General Orientation	[ ]	[ ]
Methods and Techniques		
Computer Programming		
Systems Analysis, Design and Implementation		

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While comparative figures are not available on training provided during previous years, there appears to have been a substantial increase in the amount of training received during the past year. For example, one-third of all information science training courses received by CIA personnel during the past eight years was received in 1967. Reports from most of the agencies indicate that information science training will continue to increase during FY69.

In response to a recommendation in reference (b), the Defense Intelligence Agency established an Information Science Center in the Defense Intelligence School, effective 26 December 1967, with the first regular courses originally scheduled for inauguration in January 1969. However, great difficulty has been experienced in getting authorization for the appropriate grades and the number of personnel spaces required to start operation of the center. So far, only five spaces have been authorized out of nineteen required, and only two of these had been filled by 15 March 1968. Unless something unusual can be done, such as detailing personnel from other agencies, it may be necessary to postpone the start of courses at the Information Science Center. Planning for the physical plant and equipment is proceeding satisfactorily.

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25X1 Reference (b) recommended that the agencies stress recruitment of personnel who already have information science training. During the past year approximately [ ] persons were hired who had obtained university graduate training or its equivalent in information science or had had sufficient on-the-job experience elsewhere to be considered fully qualified.

III. Information Science Training Provided Intelligence Personnel of USIB Agencies.

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